

I live in the Washington, D.C. area and have lived here since 1973. When I first moved here, there were much more diversity in the radio stations here than there is now. All of the major universities owned radio stations: Georgetown University, George Washington University, Howard University and the Washington DC University campus at Van Ness - all of these had their own radio stations. American University has a radio station now - and did then - but it is an NPR station and doesn't reflect the voice of the students. In fact, there are no longer any radio stations in the D.C. area that reflects the university student's voices. Its important to know and to hear what our young people are thinking and talking about - I think of that as "local" coverage - and that has been lost. The radio stations in the DC area cover only local traffic and weather - everything else seems to be on a national basis. If one wants to know what's happening in their neighborhood due to a zoning change that means a developer is going to put up hundreds of new homes, the result of which means the new homeowner's cars will flood the already overburdened highways of the D.C. area - this news simply isn't covered at all, by current radio stations, newspapers or TV stations.